

LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE MONTH AND EVENTS SEPTEMBER

1. Arrival of stone panel of the Island of Kauai and Niihau.

5. Healing Mass--- Old Church--- 8:00 AM

8. Birthday of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass----7:00 AM---Old Church & 6:00PM--- Old Church.

14. Triumph of the Cross--- Mass--- 7:00AM----Old Church.

16. La Salette Triduum----Mass--- 7:00AM--- Old Church.

17. Foodbank Distribution---4:30PM--- 6:00PM.

17. La Salette Triduum----Mass--- 6:00PM----Old Church

18. La Salette Triduum----Mass--- 5:00PM St. Theresa Kekaha.

19. La Salette Feast Day. Mass--- 5:00PM-New Church. (No morning Mass)

25. Regular Mass--7:00AM---Old Church

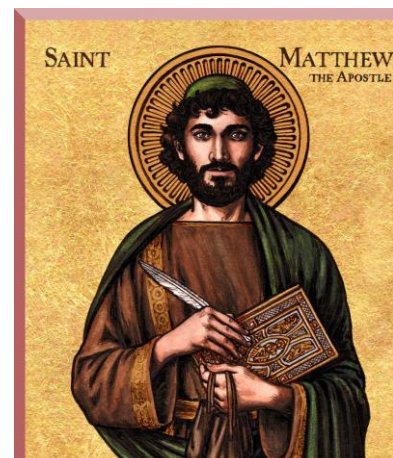
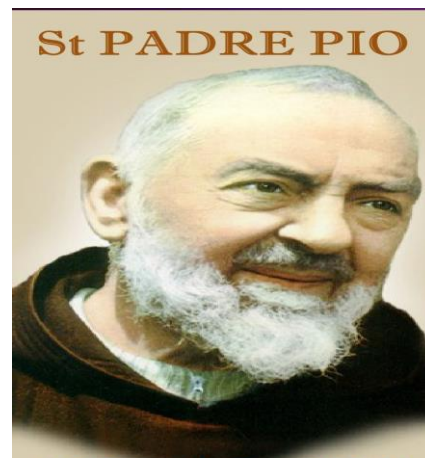
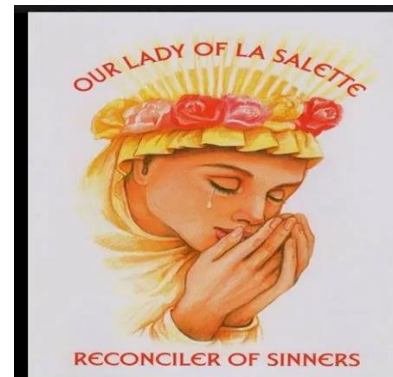
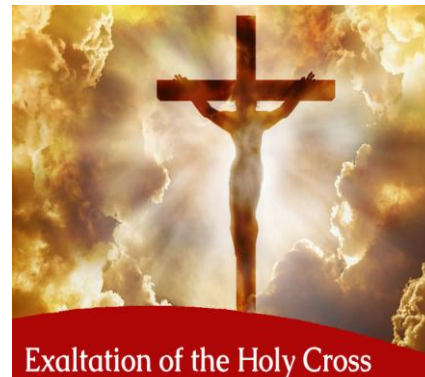
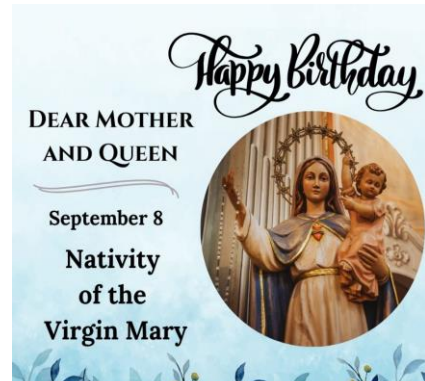
25. Bishop Michael Castori welcoming Mass at St. Catherine Kapaa---6:00PM.

27. Advance Parish Feast Day of St. Raphael. (Fiesta Dinner) Potluck--- 5:00PM.

29. Feast Day of Archangels; Raphael, Gabriel and Michael-----No morning Mass.

Mass: 6:00PM-----Old Church.

WELL KNOWN SAINTS OF THE MONTH



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor
Dcn. Bambi Emayo – Deacon
Office Secretary – Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Parish Accounting Manager:
Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:
Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:
Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS
Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:
Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Food Pantry:
Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:
Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:
Jacquelyn Contrades

Finance Council:
Jeanette Liberato

Baptism: Submit application form and required papers to the Parish Office. Baptism class will be scheduled upon receipt of completed applications. Baptism is usually held on Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Office for more information.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office for more information at least six months before wedding.

OCIA: Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office for scheduling the visit.

Funerals: Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS



Twenty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church)

Wednesday: O.L.P.H Novena (After Mass)

Thursday: Our Lady Of La Salette Novena (After Mass)

Saturday: Novena to St. Raphael & Rosary (7.30 AM. Mass – 8.00 AM)

Healing Mass: (Every First Saturday only)- 8.00 AM

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5.00 PM (NewChurch)

Sunday (Mass): 7:00 AM (New Church) 9:30 AM (New Church)

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Mass on the weekends in the Parish Office

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the Parish Office at (808) 742-1955 to schedule an appointment

St. Raphael will be the first Catholic church on Kauai to offer columbarium niche for both register and non- register parishioners, with installation extended December 2026 as part of the parish 185th anniversary celebration. We continually encouraged you to patronize our columbarium so we can remember your loved ones in the Mass.

September Birthdays

Simatar Cortez 8
Layleigh P. Carveiro 10
Janet Clarion- Cortez 10
Soledad Melchor 10
Cyane Snay 10
Malae Roberts 10
Kailea Matthews 10
Richard Gibbs 13



May God bless you and grant you
the wishes of your Heart

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Saint Paul’s letter to the Romans, he suggests that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul’s vocabulary, a kind of “debt” that we can never “pay-in full.” But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: “I am put here as an ambassador of God’s love.”

Welcome and Aloha!

Thank you for celebrating with us at St. Raphael Church this weekend. You may be visiting, new to our community, or live on this beautiful Island. We hope you enjoyed your time at St. Raphael Church where you considered St. Raphael Church your “home” away from home.

New Columbarium

We are happy to announce the new St. Raphael cremation Niche Columbaria project on the parish grounds. For the first time, we can offer **NON-REGISTERED** as well as Registered Parishioners the opportunity to have their remains interred at St. Raphael.

The new columbaria niches allow the committal of cremated remains in a final resting place on Holy ground amongst our St. Raphael parish community. Each niche can accommodate the remains of up to two individuals.

Your purchase of a niche helps support St. Raphael and the Diocese community. For more information or to answer any questions, please contact: Duane Pavao, Director of cemeteries, 808-783-6778, dpavao@cfcsmission.org. Elly Mae Kalilikane, Family Service Advisor, 808-727-1024, mkalilikane@cfcsmission.org.



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections August 29-30, 2026

Collection	\$	3,589.00
Votive Candles	\$	258.00
Mass Intentions	\$	109.00
Gift Shop	\$	494.00
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	500.00
Filipino Catholic Club (Donation)	\$	42.00
CMAA	\$	1,287.75
Online Church Offering	\$	1,197.10
Building Maintenance	\$	200.00
Mass Intentions	\$	103.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



***We will have a Second Collection for the Catholic University of America this weekend September 5 & 6. Mahalo.**

***Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Diocesan Holiday for Labor Day.**

***On September 8, 2026, the Birthday of our Blessed Mother Mary, there will be two Masses in the old Church, at 7 O’clock in the morning and 5 O’clock in the afternoon.**

***Our Parish is looking for a volunteer to teach Faith Formation Classes for grades 3 to 6. Please call the Parish office if you are interested.**

***Application for 1st Communion, Confirmation and OCIA are now accepted in the Parish Office, or you may apply online at our website.**

***We are looking for volunteers to help us clean the New Church every second Saturday of the month at 9:00AM. Thank you.**

***Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM.**



St. Raphael's Church Online giving is tested and secured and a convenient way to give your weekly offerings or donations anytime from the comfort of your own home, or from any place with internet access. For more information, please visit our website at: straphaelkauai.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9
The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10
The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20
Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, which is sometimes called the “discourse on the Church” or the “church order” discourse. In this part of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today’s reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew’s Gospel. In Matthew’s record of Jesus’ teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community. In the first part of the “discourse on the Church” (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community’s concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples’ question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these “little ones” astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those “little ones” who have strayed.

In today’s Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church. Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found, Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God’s assistance.



Stewardship Prayer

Loving Father! I desire to spend my life living in collaboration with You as a disciple of Your son Jesus. I am truly grateful for the numerous gifts that You have given me. I acknowledge that everything that I have and everything that I am are Your gifts. As I approach the Eucharist, I bring a portion of Your gifts as my offering. I bring the time that I spend with You in prayer. I bring what I have done in Your service. I bring a just portion of my treasure. I pray that You grant me the wisdom and strength to live my life as a reflection of Your love. I pray that my participation in the Eucharist and my sacrificial offering is pleasing to You. I ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.